No. of Blocks (Except A.P. Gujarat & Maharashtra)	4272	231	107
No. of Mandals (A.P)	1104	6	24
No. of Taluks (Gujarat)	184	12	14
No. of Watersheds (Maharashtra)	1503	—	34

Andhra Pradesh — 1104 Mandals/309 Blocks
Gujarat — 184 Taluks/218 Blocks
Maharashtra — 1503 Watersheds/231 Taluks/66 blocks

Agricultural and Rural Cooperative Management Scheme

2298. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

-(a) how many farmers/NGOs have being given benefit in different State under the Agricultural and Rural Cooperative Management Scheme;

(b) whether Government have received proposals to give the benefit of the Scheme to the SC/ST Members who have borrowed from Nationalised Banks and extend the period of repayment of loans which were granted to State Governments under the Scheme; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.RB.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) There is no such scheme under operation in the Ministry of Agriculture.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Development of agriculture in North Eastern Region

2299. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes formulated by Government for development of agriculture sector in the NER particularly in the State of Assam during the last five years;

(b) the details of fund allocated by Government for the NER during this period;

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the funds for agriculture in NER; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) List of schemes formulated for development of agriculture in Assam is enclosed as statement *(See* below)

(b) Fund allocated by the Government of India for the NER are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount Allocated
1995-96	3275.39
1996-97	2400.52
1997-98	4037.45
1998-99	5466.68
1999-2000*	7604.75

***Position till the end of IIIrd quarter of 1999-2000**

(c) and (d) the funds allocated to the North Eastern Region have been consistently increasing during the past four years. Moreover, under current policy, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is earmarking 10 per cent of the Plan outlay for the North-Eastern Region.

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Details of central sector/centrally sponsored schemes formulated for the Slate of Assam

S.No.	Name of the schemes
1.	Integrated Cereal Development Programme—Rice
2.	Substainable Development of Sugarcane based Cropping System
3.	Special Jute Development Programme
4.	National Pulses-Development Project
5.	Oilseed Production Programme
6.	Accelerated Maize Development Programme
7.	National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas
8.	Balanced & integrated use of Fertiliser
9.	Scheme for foundation & Certified Seed Production of Vegetable Crops

S.No.	Name of the schemes
10.	Promotion of Agricultural Mechnisation among Small farmers
11.	Exchange of Farmers with in the country
12.	Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas
13.	State land use Board
14.	Soil Conservation in the Catchment of River Valley Projects
15.	Development of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants
16.	Use of Plastics in Agriculture
17.	Development of Commercial Floriculture
18.	Development of Mushroom
19.	Integrated Development Programme of Cashewnut
20.	Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits
21.	Development of Root & Tuber Crops
22.	Development of Vegetables
23.	Development of Spices
24.	Agricultural Credit Stabilisation Fund
25.	Development of Betclvine
26.	Development of Arecanut
27.	National Project on Development & use of Bio-fertiliser
28.	Farmers Scientists Interaction

Rehabilitation Work in Orissa

2300. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the disaster caused by Super-Cyclone/ floods in Orissa last year requiring urgent rehabilitation; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken or proposed to be taken to rehabilitate them, assist in construction of houses to face cyclone and floods and to device a scheme of subsidy to rural people of Orissa in house construction materials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per available information, the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has sanctioned a package of Rs. 1116.40 crore for